



## BWG Genealogy Group

This free self-help group that provides sharing, help and information related to family history searches. Each member shares their gains and pains; family history discoveries, obstacles, challenges, and brick-walls. Get assistance with interventions, suggestions, ideas, and strategies for individuals to employ. Find out about upcoming events of interest, new resources, and web links.

The Genealogy Club's meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Boardroom at the library from 7 – 9 pm.

We assist each other to put "leaves" on our family trees and to celebrate!

There will be no meeting in July, August and December. If you are interested in joining the Genealogy club, please contact the Library at 905.775.3328.

## Local History Association

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association meets quarterly at the Library. Membership is \$10 per year for one person, \$15 for a family membership. For information about the Association, contact Chair Bill Marks at 905.775.6179.

## Rules of Room and Collection Usage

1. Visitors are permitted to browse the Local History Room for a limited time when accompanied by a library staff member. Please call ahead to make an appointment if possible.
2. Before using the materials, please fill out a Researcher Registration form available from at the 1st Floor Information Desk.
3. When using the Local History Room, you must leave a valid piece of identification (preferably a driver's license) with Library staff. This will be returned to you when you have finished using the Local History Room and its materials.
4. Three items at a time may be selected from the Local History Room to use in the main reading area of the Library.
5. Materials in the Local History Room are non-circulating and may not leave the Library.



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# Local History Collection

## George & Helen Jackson Heritage Room

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library





## Local History Collection

The Local History Collection contains a collection of maps, old newspapers, books and artifacts all relating to Bradford's past. It is located in the George and Helen Jackson Heritage Room on the second floor of the Library.

### Library Hours

Monday — Thursday; 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday — Saturday; 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-June); 1:00 - 5:30 pm

## Discover the Bradford West Gwillimbury of yesteryear...

### Collections, Resources & More

#### What Can We Do for You?

We can help you in your search for family that may have lived in the area as well as supplying you with information on parts of Simcoe County's past. If you have a project or simply wish to learn more about Bradford West Gwillimbury and the surrounding area, we can lend a hand.

#### Print and Physical Resources

We have a wide range of materials to assist in your research including:

- old newspapers
- yearbooks
- Census records
- Tweedsmuir Histories compiled by the Women's Institutes
- maps
- family histories
- oral histories

#### Electronic Resources

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library also subscribes to a number of commercially available electronic databases including:



Essential for genealogical research. Includes census, vital, church, court and immigration records. Accessible in-library only.



Toronto Star newspaper archives from 1894 to 2011. Also includes the *Canadian Business and Current Affairs* collection. Use your library card number and password to access.

### Our Digital History Collection

Now you can access records from the comfort of your own home! We maintain a growing digital collection of documents, records, artifacts and photographs of the history of the area. Included are the birth, marriage, and death notices from the Bradford newspapers. Currently, our database contains newspaper announcements through 1984. Access the collection at [archives.bradford.library.on.ca](http://archives.bradford.library.on.ca).

### Oral Histories Project

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library's Local History department has also digitized old audio tapes, which include various interviews conducted with residents of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. These tapes are comprised of various interesting stories on everyday life in Bradford and surrounding areas over the past century.

These recordings and accompanying transcripts are available through our website at [www.bradford.library.on.ca/?page\\_id=9635](http://www.bradford.library.on.ca/?page_id=9635).

### Donations

Donations of local historical interest or value such as old maps, books about the area, newspapers or memorabilia are welcome! Proposed donations are subject to our Gifts and Donations Policy and will be assessed to establish suitability for the collection.

Public access computers are available for 1 hour periods, twice daily. Printing and copying cost \$0.10 (b/w) and \$0.25 (colour). The Library also provides free wi-fi access, and loans laptops.